

Program of the Illiokota District Conference

To be held at Garrison, Iowa, Oct. 4, 5 and 6, 1898.

TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional services, C. Rowland.
Sermon, Clara Flora.
Appointment of committees.
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional service, Sadie Gibbons.
Address of Welcome, Eli Hoover.
Responses by delegates.
Unfinished business.
How to Organize and Maintain a Good Sabbath-school, J. L. Gillin.
Report of District S. S., Ellen Lichty.
Royal Army Plan, S. A. Smith.
Discussion.
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

Devotional service, Fetter Hall.
Bible Study,—The Holy Spirit in the Church, the Sunday-school and Young People's Work, conducted by Z. T. Livengood.
Christ in the Law and in Prophecy, J. L. Gillin.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotions, Harlin Hollis.
Report of King's Children, Emma Puterbaugh.
Election of officers of the K. C.
How to Maintain Good Interest in the King's Children Society, J. O. Talley.
Discussion.
Adjournment.

THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional Service, Charles Ullrick.
Report of District Mission Board, Eli Hoover, Secretary.
Election of District Missionary Treasurer.
Report of District Evangelist.
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General Discussion Missionary Work.
Bible Study—Grace of the Holy Spirit, conducted by J. E. Braker.
General Discussion. Adjournment.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Devotional Service, Noah Flora.
Report of S. S. C. E., Emma Puterbaugh, Secretary.
Election of officers of S. S. C. E.
What our Local S. S. C. E. is Doing and How we Work to Accomplish the Best Results, by the Delegates.
Location of next Conference.
Resolutions read by committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.

THURSDAY, 7:30, P. M.

An old fashioned class meeting, conducted by J. L. Gillin.
Relation of Members to their Pastor, Z. T. Livengood.
Relation of Pastors to their Members, J. O. Tally.

Oklahoma Items

We left our home July 28th for a brief tour into Oklahoma. The only opportunity afforded before District Conference. Have enjoyed the trip so far very much. Have met some old acquaintances of other years which always affords one pleasure. Our meetings have been successful and we believe a grand opening exists here for the gospel alone teaching. We have found the field occupied by South Methodists, North Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Holiness people, German Baptists, and unbelief in the majority. Yet there is plenty of opportunities for work. The G. B's. we found quite social or at least many of them. The elder and some of the preaching force of Mount Hope church, Logan county, Okla., were very much indisposed toward us and seemed to think the better way was to let us severely alone. The usual condition of things exist in the church at this place. The Order and Committees of Elders' Quarterly are disturbing the peace of the membership and a rupture at this time is imminent. There are some very nice members here and they attended the meetings and treated us as brethren who love Christ should. We think others will soon take the same step those who united with us did. The creed of the church (the Book of Minutes) has but a very slight hold upon many in the Mt. Hope church. We organized a body of brethren here, eighteen in number, on Aug. 11th. Daniel Harader as elder, G. W. Robison, deacon, David Province, secretary, and Katie Stephens, treasurer. The organization was named Crescent City Church of the Brethren. Sixteen of these members we found living in the county and two, sister Katie Stephens and brother George Province were baptized during our meetings. We are pleased with the outlook for this the first Brethren church of Oklahoma. We are pleased with the country; lovely prairie with plenty of water and a sufficiency of timber for almost every purpose. These brethren are in the wheat and cotton belt of the country and lands are cheap. We cannot see why brethren cannot find homes here without going to Yakima, Washington, especially those of the middle states. We would suggest that brethren contemplating a change of location would first correspond with any of the names given: David Province, Guthrie, Okla.; Ab Stephens, Crescent City, Okla.; or Elder D. Harader, Hennessey, Okla. Either of these brethren will promptly answer any communication giving truthfully all particulars in regard to prices, improvements, location, etc. They would like brethren to call and visit them. To see these broad acres which a few years ago were but a great cattle ranch all dotted over as far as you can see with wheat stacks captivates any lover of wheat raising. It is simply beyond description, considering the shortness of time since the opening of this section to the home seeker. Tenants of the east who are giving all their earnings to their land-lords would find it greatly to their advantage to come

west and grow up with the country. Brethren we are writing our convictions after nearly ten months' traveling over Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. It would be well for any brother desiring a home to visit the country adjacent the Crescent City church, Oklahoma, before settling somewhere isolated from church and church privileges. So many regret this after it is too late. We drop these thoughts especially for our brethren seeking homes in the west.

A. J. HIXSON, Dist. E.

El Reno, Okla.

Harvest Home Basket Meeting

The members of the Pleasant Hill Brethren church held their fourth annual Harvest Home Basket Meeting on Sunday Aug. 7, in a beautiful grove two miles west of the church. The morning sun broke forth in all its splendor and had every indication that we were to have a fine day for our anxiously waited for Harvest Meeting. At an early hour people began to assemble in the grove, coming from all directions until the noon hour there was quite a large number participating in the exercises and being instructed in the Word. The time was then occupied by Rev. Baughman delivering a sermon appropriate for the occasion. The time from 12 M., to 1:30 P. M., was occupied in supplying the physical needs. Song service began at 1:45 which lasted about half an hour after which Rev. Summers preached a very able and appropriate sermon to an immense crowd of eager listeners. Thus our fourth annual Harvest Basket Meeting passed by, all feeling that a day had been profitably spent in the service of the Lord. We hope that many more Harvest Meetings may be enjoyed as well as the bountiful harvests of which we have been so abundantly blessed, and may we never forget to give praise and thanks to our heavenly Father from whence all our blessings flow.

C. E. STAUB.

From "the Land of Goshen"

As nothing has appeared from my pen for sometime in the EVANGELIST, and as many are interested in my whereabouts, and also in my MISSION, I ask for space to inform inquiring friends.

My time having expired as pastor of the Falls City church, March 1, 1898, I began corresponding with several different churches as well as individuals; looking for a special field where I might establish a "Divine Healing Mission," in connection with my pastoral work. My desire being to serve a church as pastor and also conduct this mission which was organized in February 1897 at Falls City, Neb. I learned through friends, and also through correspondence that "Down in the Land of Goshen" was the field that I was looking for.

I had a desire to visit some of the churches in Illinois and Indiana and also the "Chicago Mission." I packed my grip and started for Lanark, May 12, arriving May 13, where we remained nearly one week, and were kindly